



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

April 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

| | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 | | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Preliminary | Revised | Revised | | Preliminary | Revised | Revised |
| Total Nonfarm Employed | 1,118.2 | 1,112.7 | 1,112.1 | Utilities | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.9 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | Electric Power | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| Construction | 48.5 | 47.9 | 50.8 | Transportation & Warehousing | 35.7 | 35.3 | 37.4 |
| Manufacturing | 178.5 | 177.8 | 180.0 | Warehousing & Storage | 7.7 | 7.6 | 8.2 |
| Durable Goods | 115.5 | 114.3 | 113.5 | Information | 14.4 | 14.7 | 15.3 |
| Wood Products | 12.9 | 12.8 | 13.1 | Telecommunications | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 |
| Sawmill- Wood Preservation | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 | Finance & Insurance | 34.7 | 34.7 | 34.1 |
| Primary Metals | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | Credit Intermediation | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.0 |
| Fabricated Metals | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.8 | Depository Credit Intermediation | 15.2 | 15.2 | 15.3 |
| Machinery | 11.4 | 11.4 | 12.5 | Insurance Carriers | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.5 |
| Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.2 | Real Estate & Rental | 12.1 | 11.9 | 11.7 |
| Computers - Electronics | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | Prof., Scient., Technical Services | 30.3 | 30.3 | 29.0 |
| Electrical Equipment & Appliances | 8.7 | 8.5 | 9.4 | Management of Companies | 9.6 | 9.6 | 10.5 |
| Electrical Equipment | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.5 | Admin Spt & Waste Management | 40.3 | 40.2 | 37.5 |
| Transportation Equipment | 27.4 | 27.1 | 23.3 | Education Services | 14.4 | 14.3 | 14.5 |
| Motor Vehicle Parts | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.7 | Health Care & Social Assistance | 103.2 | 102.8 | 100.7 |
| Ship & Boat Building | 15.4 | 15.2 | 13.6 | Hospitals | 30.3 | 30.4 | 29.7 |
| Furniture | 28.7 | 28.3 | 28.1 | Nursing & Resident Care | 20.4 | 20.5 | 19.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 63.0 | 63.5 | 66.5 | Arts, Entertainment, Recreation | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.7 |
| Food Products | 27.6 | 27.7 | 27.4 | Amusements , Gambling, Recreation | 11.2 | 11.4 | 11.7 |
| Animal Slaughtering | 19.7 | 19.8 | 19.7 | Gambling | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| Apparel | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.8 | Accommodation & Food Services | 109.8 | 108.3 | 108.8 |
| Paper Products | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.7 | Accommodation | 37.4 | 36.7 | 37.4 |
| Pulp, Paper, Paperboard | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.9 | Food Services & Drinking | 72.4 | 71.6 | 71.4 |
| Converted Paper Products | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.8 | Other Services (Private) | 36.0 | 36.1 | 38.0 |
| Chemicals | 5.8 | 5.9 | 7.1 | Repair & Maintenance | 9.6 | 9.6 | 10.6 |
| Plastics & Rubber | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.4 | Government | 248.0 | 247.1 | 243.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 36.2 | 36.0 | 34.5 | Federal | 25.6 | 25.6 | 25.7 |
| Retail Trade | 137.9 | 137.3 | 137.1 | State | 63.5 | 63.3 | 62.4 |
| Food & Beverage Stores | 19.3 | 19.3 | 19.8 | State Education | 23.6 | 23.4 | 22.7 |
| Grocery Stores | 17.8 | 17.9 | 17.9 | Local | 158.9 | 158.2 | 155.0 |
| General Merchandise | 38.2 | 37.6 | 37.1 | Local Education | 86.6 | 86.5 | 84.3 |
| Department Stores | 10.7 | 10.5 | 11.0 | | | | |
| Other General Merchandise | 27.5 | 27.1 | 26.1 | | | | |

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

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Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

| | Avg Weekly Earnings | | | Avg. Weekly Hours | | | Avg. Hourly Earnings | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 |
| Manufacturing | \$523.50 | \$513.82 | \$505.69 | 40.3 | 39.8 | 39.6 | \$12.99 | \$12.91 | \$12.77 |
| Durable Goods | 562.85 | 546.31 | 517.50 | 41.6 | 40.8 | 39.9 | 13.53 | 13.39 | 12.97 |
| Wood Products | 460.73 | 442.21 | 438.24 | 42.7 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 10.79 | 10.63 | 10.56 |
| Fabricated Metals | 534.66 | 556.24 | 541.41 | 39.4 | 40.9 | 38.7 | 13.57 | 13.60 | 13.99 |
| Machinery | 566.50 | 547.03 | 518.75 | 41.2 | 39.9 | 41.5 | 13.75 | 13.71 | 12.50 |
| Furniture | 493.70 | 484.76 | 455.11 | 40.5 | 39.8 | 37.8 | 12.19 | 12.18 | 12.04 |
| Nondurable Goods | 454.48 | 457.14 | 486.40 | 38.0 | 38.0 | 39.1 | 11.96 | 12.03 | 12.44 |
| Food Products | 371.14 | 362.85 | 368.52 | 37.3 | 36.8 | 37.3 | 9.95 | 9.86 | 9.88 |

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 5,500 from February and 6,100 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 700 jobs over the month but was still 1,500 below March 2003.
- ◆ Accommodation & Food Service had the largest monthly employment increase, with 1,500 more jobs than February
- ◆ The civilian labor force declined with 6,700 less people than February. Unemployed individuals decreased 13,500 while employed individuals increased 6,800 over the month.
- ◆ The March unemployment rate decreased one percentage point from February.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

| Wage Earners & Clerical | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 | Wage Earners & Clerical | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All Items | 182.9 | 181.9 | 180.3 | Medical Care | 306.9 | 305.4 | 293.5 |
| Food & Beverages | 184.4 | 184.0 | 178.5 | Recreation / 1 | 106.5 | 106.2 | 105.4 |
| Housing | 183.2 | 182.6 | 179.9 | Education & Communications / 1 | 109.8 | 110.0 | 108.9 |
| Apparel | 122.9 | 118.3 | 122.5 | Other Goods & Services | 310.8 | 310.0 | 305.6 |
| Transportation | 158.5 | 156.8 | 160.3 | All Urban Consumers | | | |
| / 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base | | | | All Items | 187.4 | 186.2 | 184.2 |

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

| | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 | | Mar 04 | Feb 04 | Mar 03 |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| | Prelim. | Revised | Revised | | Prelim. | Revised | Revised |
| | (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | (Seasonally Adjusted) | | |
| Labor Force | 1,305.1 | 1,311.8 | 1,307.1 | Labor Force | 1,302.7 | 1,314.0 | 1,304.7 |
| Unemployed | 59.8 | 73.3 | 88.3 | Unemployed | 54.9 | 72.9 | 83.4 |
| Rate | 4.6% | 5.6% | 6.8% | Rate | 4.2% | 5.5% | 6.4% |
| Employed | 1,245.3 | 1,238.5 | 1,218.8 | Employed | 1,247.8 | 1,241.1 | 1,221.3 |
| U.S. Rate | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 | U.S. Rate | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.8 |

Data compiled by Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Labor Market Information Department, in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics